

Bowmanstown Borough Authority
April 16, 2024 Minutes

The Bowmanstown Borough Authority meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman -Darren Thomas; Vice Chairman – Joseph Civitella, Treasurer – Mathew Behler, Secretary -Chad Everett, member – Rodney Reeser, Solicitor -Neil Ettinger, Engineer -Mark Bahnick, Water Plant Operator - Craig LaBarre and Clerk – Tara Takerer were present.

Visitors:

Jim Logue – Times News

Approval For:

A motion was made by Joseph Civitella, 2nd Rodney Reeser to approve the minutes of March, 2024, Motion carried.

A motion was made by Joseph Civitella, 2nd Chad Everett to approve the water treasurer report dated April 16, 2024, motion carried.

Solicitor:

- **Executive session was called at 6:06 pm to discuss litigation. Came out of Executive session at 6:17pm, no motions or decisions were made.**
- **A motion was made by Chad Everett, 2nd Rodney Reeser to adopt Resolution #2024-02; connection fee costs will be based on actual time & material, with a \$500 down deposit, Motion carried.**

Engineer:

- Nothing to report

Other Business:

- Tri-valley Water Hauling executed the Agreement to purchase water for hauling at a cost of \$10.50 per 1,000 gallons, however Craig LaBarre advised the controller is not working, will not power up. Innovative Controls was contacted and will be out to repair. Tara will notify Tri-valley water hauling that they cannot pull water until repaired. Innovative will also determine if controller is down due to electric issues that occurred in January due to down wires.

Martin Mehlig has not executed the new Agreement to date.

Property/Water Operations:

- A price quote will be obtained from PaRural, for GIS mapping of the water system. Water Operator advised that someone must locate exactly where all valve boxes & shut offs are otherwise GIS mapping will not be accurate and it would not benefit the board if done incorrectly.

Craig LaBarre did state purchasing a pipe locator would be cheaper alternative then pursuing GIS mapping of the water system. It is believed that the Borough may have purchased a pipe locator in the past. If so, this would be helpful when locating water lines.

- **A motion was made by Chad Everett, 2nd Rodney Reeser to authorize Tom Berger Paving to repair Lime Street for a cost of \$4,750; with water paying 1/3 the costs and remainder of bill invoiced to the Sewer, Motion carried.**

- It was recommended by Kleintop Contracting, when they were repairing the roof at Tri-valley due to storm damage, that the entire roof may need to be replaced in the future. A second opinion will be obtained.

❑ **Correspondence:**

<u>Subject:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Summary:</u>
Bulk Sales Agreement	3/25/2024	Sent to Haulers (Martin Mehlig & Shane Tubbs, Trivalley water hauling). Still waiting on Martin Mehlig to execute.
Council Minutes	3/19/2024	Minutes distributed to the Board for review
Casari -617-619 Ore St property	3/28/2024	Owner contacted office - he advised he is keeping the EDU for the loft and converting to an apartment. He worked things out with Dellecker regarding such.
Tyrone Balliet 229 Apple Street	3/28/2024	Has NOT picked up permit to connect to Apple Street water main. Tara will contact him to check on status.
Palmerton Borough	4/3/2024	Tara set up with Palmerton Public Works to rent vac. truck end of April to take care of 622 White Street property
Mill Garage	4/15/2024	Craig to dig up and disconnect Old Bossard Garage sometime this week.
HAS Claims	4/15/2024	Insurance check received in the amount of \$3,575.00 for the damage at Tri valley Water building.

❑ **Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Chad Everett, 2nd Rodney Reeser to adjourn the water meeting at 6:40 pm, Motion carried.

Pending List:

- * Craig looking into valve on Green & Mill; talking to Brendon again
- * New hydrants to be installed/replacing old in town; should be completed this summer
- * Innovative Controls checked the wire and cable to Well #1, along with the motor for insulation resistance and it is low. Well #1 wire going down into the Well may be compromised, Craig advised that Joe Liberti is currently formulating a plan and a proposal to correct the situation